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June 10, 2007

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

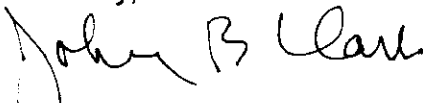
RE: MB Docket No. 07-57

As a subscriber, I strongly support approval for the proposed merger of Sirius and XM Satellite Radio. Separately they have provided an alternative format to conventional broadcasting that provides a wide variety of exciting entertainment to their customers, typically with a minimum of political and commercial advertising interference. However separately they have also struggled under the burden of significant capital investment compounded by extraordinary advertising and marketing expense while attempting to compete against established and profitable broadcasters. While they each have been successful in growing subscriptions, the cost of doing so has been overwhelming. One has only to look at their respective balance sheets to realize that they are dangerously depleted of capital. While continuing to improve, they have never made a profit. Without the economies of scale available through this merger, one or both of these companies may well go out of business.

As one company they have a good chance to survive. The intense competitive pressure from the likes of Fox, NBC, ABC and CBS will hold the price of their product in check. In fact as one company they will likely improve their product further while reducing price, as they will be able to streamline fixed overhead costs that now threaten their future.

I find it interesting that established broadcasters in the industry all are speaking out against this merger ostensibly claiming that it would decrease competition and harm the consumer. I find this to be more than a little disingenuous. After all, with each new satellite radio subscription, conventional broadcasters loose more of their audience base and with it lost advertising revenue. The emergence of satellite radio has forced them to improve the quality of their content and delivery. Would they really have invested in digital broadcasting if not driven to do so in response to the growing success of satellite radio? This is the real competition. Approving the Sirius/XM merger will in fact intensify competition rather than inhibit it. And the customer rather than the established good old boys will be the beneficiary. Please allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

  
John B. Clark

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